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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 15 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 15 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

This communication is in response to amendment filed on March 14, 2006.

- Claim 10 has been amended.
- Claims 1, 9 and 14 were canceled.
- Claims 2-8, 1-13, 15 and 16 remain pending.

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on March 24, 2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application that would extend beyond the expiration date of US Patent 6,298,022 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Objections

Claim 10 is objected to because of the following informalities: the amendment to the claim "said checking detecting modification using a hash function" is unclear and should be corrected to specify the method step carried out.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for

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patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 2-8, 1-13, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gruse et al., US Patent 6,389,538 B1.

As per the following claims, Gruse et al. disclose:

Claims 2, 3 (Currently Amended): An information processing method/ program storage medium comprising:

- storing information for discriminating contents duplicated in the past and temporal data as to a previous start time of duplication of said contents into a database (column 14, lines 23-49; columns 23-24);
- acquiring the information for discriminating content to be duplicated (columns 27, 31-36);
- deciding whether copying of the contents discriminated by the discriminating information is allowed in accordance with a comparison between the temporal data stored in the database and current time (columns 19-20, column 23, lines 19-65); and
- duplicating the contents in accordance with said decision whether copying of the content is allowed, wherein the duplication of the content is prohibited when an interval of time between the current time and the previous start time of duplication of said content specified by the temporal data stored in the database is less than predetermined amount of time (columns 9-10, 21, 23, line 65-column 24, line 67).

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Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 2 wherein said contents is reproduced from an information storage medium (Gruse claim 3).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 4 wherein said information recording medium is a compact disc (Gruse claim 3).

Claim 6: (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 2 wherein the discriminating contents is the ISRC (column 65, fig 12, step 1201).

Claim 7: (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 2 wherein the discriminating information for discriminating the contents is the TOC (fig 12, step 1201).

Claim 8: (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 2 wherein the ISRC as the discriminating information for discriminating contents is read out at said storage step from the information recording medium and, if the ISRC is not stored in said information recording medium, data of the TOC is utilized as said discriminating information (fig 12 and associated text).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The information processing method according to claim 2, further comprising: checking data in said database; said checking detecting modification using a hash function (column 27, line 1-column 29, line 21).

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Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 2 wherein said predetermined amount of time is a fixed value (column 55, line 47-column 56, line 20).

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 2 wherein duplication of the content is allowed when said discrimination information and temporal data of the content to be duplicated is not stored in the database (column 61, line 37-column 62, line 32).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 11 further comprising: detecting a watermark encoded in the content to be duplicated; and wherein said deciding is made on the basis of the watermarked information if the interval of time between the current time and the start time of duplication of said content in the past specified by the temporal data stored in the database is more than predetermined amount of time (column 55, line 15-column 56, line 36).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 1, further comprising: updating the previous start time of duplication in the database to the present time when the duplication of content is permitted (columns 55-56).

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Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The program storage medium including computer program instruction for causing a computer to implement an information processing method according to Claim 3, further comprising: updating the previous start time of duplication in the database to the present time when the duplication of content is permitted (columns 55-56).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- US 5,832,083 to Iwayama et al.
- US 6,389,403 B1 to Dorak, Jr.
- US 5,584,023 to Hsu.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley B. Bayat whose telephone number is 571-272-6704. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday - Friday 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and by email: bradley.bayat@uspto.gov. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached regarding urgent matters at 571-272-6712.

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